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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: MNUC, NATO, NPG

SUBJ: ERW

1. FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER'S OFFICE CALLED US APRIL 1 TO SAY THAT VON STADEN HAD REPORTED THAT DEPARTMENT ENVISAGES AN EARLY NAC MEETING FOR ERW DISCUSSION, PLUS ACTION TO INFORM ALLIANCE MEMBERS BILATERALLY OF ERW DECISION. THIS SCENARIO, VON STADEN REPORTED, COULD BE SET IN TRAIN TODAY OR AT BEGINNING OF WEEK.

2. GENSCHER'S OFFICE CONTINUED THAT, FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSION BETWEEN GENSCHER AND SCHMIDT, VON STADEN HAD NOW BEEN INSTRUCTED TO POINT OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE CHANCELLOR TOLD DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER MARCH 31 THAT FRG CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT GENSCHER BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON BEFORE ERW DECISION BECOMES PUBLIC. FRG NOW FEARS THAT SCENARIO (PARA 1), ESPECIALLY A NAC MEETING, WOULD MEAN THAT THE ERW DECISION WOULD LEAK BEFORE GENSCHER'S APRIL 4 WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. VON STADEN WAS UNDER INSTRUCTION,

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THEREFORE, TO ASK FOR A DELAY IN THE SCENARIO.

3. FINALLY, GENSCHER'S OFFICE ASKED EMBASSY TO MAKE URGENT PARALLEL PRESENTATION OF FRG VIEWS TO WASHINGTON.

4. IN LIGHT FRG CONCERNS RE MODALITIES OF ERW DECISION ANNOUNCEMENT, AS CONVEYED TO CHRISTOPHER

BY SCHMIDT, AND NOW REITERATED BY SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER,  
REQUEST GUIDANCE ASAP ON SCENARIO, NOTABLY TIMING OF  
VARIOUS STEPS IN RELATION TO GENSCHER'S SCHEDULED  
WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS. CLEARLY, FROM GERMAN POINT  
OF VIEW, HOPE AND EXPECTATION IS THAT NOTHING WILL  
HAPPEN THAT COULD RESULT IN LEAK PRIOR THOSE CONSUL-  
TATIONS. GIVEN HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE FRG ROLE THROUGH-  
OUT ENTIRE ERW DEVELOPMENTS IN RECENT WEEKS, AND  
PERSONAL COMMITMENT OF SCHMIDT AND GENSCHER, AGAINST  
BACKGROUND OF COMPLICATED DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION,  
EMBASSY RECOMMENDS WE GIVE DUE WEIGHT TO AND TRY TO  
ACCOMMODATE GERMAN REPRESENTATIONS.  
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